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FRIDAY HIGHLIGHTS

+ Security Council, after fourth review of sanctions against Libya, finds again no agreement that necessary conditions exist for modification of sanctions; Governments of United States, France and United Kingdom call on Libyan Government to comply with previous Security Council resolutions by 1 October, following which strengthening of sanctions will be implemented.

+ United Nations resumes humanitarian relief deliveries to parts of Liberia controlled by National Patriotic Front of Liberia, in cooperation with non-governmental relief organizations.

+ Bosnia and Herzegovina files second request with International Court of Justice calling for provisional measures against Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to prevent crime of genocide.

+ International Atomic Energy Agency team of inspectors visits nuclear facilities in Democratic People's Republic of Korea, but finds access too limited to allow adequate assessment.

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The Security Council, following its fourth scheduled review of the measures imposed against the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, found again that there was no agreement that the necessary conditions existed for modification of the sanctions, the President of the Council, Madeleine Albright (United States), announced this afternoon.

In her capacity as Permanent Representative of the United States to the United Nations, Ambassador Albright, went on to say that her Government and those of France and the United Kingdom, in the interest of giving Libya one last chance, had asked the Secretary-General to take the necessary steps to achieve the full implementation by the Libyan Government of resolution 731 within 40 to 45 days.

"If, by 1 October, the Libyan Government has failed to comply with resolution 731 and 748, including the transfer to the United States or United

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Kingdom of jurisdiction of the Lockerbie suspects and compliance with the requests of French justice on UTA 772," she continued, "we will table a resolution strengthening the sanctions in key oil-related financial and technological areas."

She said that the three Governments re-iterated that they had no hidden agenda and that on the contrary, upon full implementation by Libya of the Security Council resolutions, the conditions would be met for the lifting of the sanctions by the Council.

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The United Nations has resumed humanitarian relief deliveries to parts of Liberia controlled by the National Patriotic Front of Liberia (NPFL), according to a spokesman for Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali. The resumption had the agreement of all parties to the Cotonou Peace Accord, signed on 25 July, and the cooperation of non-governmental relief organizations. Aid deliveries were halted while inspection procedures required under the Accord were put into place.

A convoy of 21 vehicles carrying food aid, nutritional supplements and medical supplies left Monrovia this morning for the area around Kakata where there many displaced people are in urgent need of assistance. Of particular concern are an estimated 10,000 malnourished children. On the first convoy, relief workers representing United Nations agencies, as well as local and international non-governmental organizations, will carry out a general food distribution for 4,000 people and provide supplementary feeding to some 3,000 children.

The humanitarian workers will also make an assessment of emergency needs as the basis for future relief operations. The United Nations is exploring additional routes for channelling humanitarian assistance to the area, including a cross-border route from Côte d'Ivoire.

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Bosnia and Herzegovina has filed a second request with the International Court of Justice calling for provisional measures to be ordered against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) to prevent commission of the crime of genocide. Amongst the measures requested is that the Government of Bosnia be granted the means, including arms, munitions and equipment, to defend its people and State "from acts of genocide and partition and dismemberment by means of genocide".

Bosnia and Herzegovina states that it is taking the extraordinary step of making this second request because the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia has violated every measure of protection issued by the Court in its initial order of 8 April. "In addition to continuing its campaign of genocide against the Bosnian people -- whether Muslim, Christian, Jew, Croat or Serb -- the Respondent is now planning, preparing, conspiring to, proposing and negotiating the partition, dismemberment, annexation and incorporation of the

sovereign State of Bosnia and Herzegovina -- a member of the United Nations Organization -- by means of genocide," the request states.

The Court issued the first provisional measures in the context of the suit initiated on 20 March by Bosnia and Herzegovina against the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro) on the application of the 1948 Genocide Convention to which both States are party. The Court announced that hearings on the second request for provisional measures would be on 25 August, in The Hague.

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The International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) reported today that a team of its inspectors visited some nuclear facilities at the Nyongbyon site in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea from 3 to 10 August. The inspection was restricted to containment and surveillance activities.

Stating that the overall degree of access granted to the site was still insufficient to enable the inspectors to make an overall assessment, the IAEA said the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, however, seemed willing to enter into consultations on the implementation of the safeguards agreement. No specific date had yet been proposed, but the Agency was ready for such talks at any time. The question of its access to two specific sites would be among the issues to be raised during such consultations.

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